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GC Securities' Corporate Finance and M&A Team Wins 2010 Reinsurance Power Broker® Award

Guy Carpenter's Investment Banking Group Recognized for Capital Markets Analytics Capabilities

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For the second consecutive year, the Corporate Finance and M&A team at GC Securities*, a division of MMC Securities Corp., a US registered broker-dealer and member <u>FINRA/SIPC</u>, and the investment banking arm of global risk and reinsurance specialist Guy Carpenter & Company, LLC, was presented with *Risk & Insurance*'s prestigious Reinsurance Power Broker Award in the category Analytics – Capital Markets. Given its unique position at Guy Carpenter, GC Securities has unparalleled insight into the insurance industry and is able to leverage the reinsurance broker's global platform to execute corporate finance transactions for clients.

Members of the team include Managing Directors Norman Brown, Geoff Sweitzer and Bart Zanelli. Based in New York, the veteran team focuses on delivering corporate finance, M&A advisory services, alternative capital solutions and other strategic advice to help clients achieve their strategic business goals. Rounding out the team are Chris DeMuth and Jeffrey Hathaway, both Associates in the New York office.

Four other senior executives at Guy Carpenter were also named Reinsurance Power Broker Award winners for outstanding client service, market know-how and creative approach. Each year, the awards program recognizes reinsurance brokers who are considered the best in their areas of specialization for their market insights, communications skills, professional ethics, creativity and innovation, follow-through, negotiation skills and other abilities.

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Bill Kennedy, Global CEO of Analytics, Capital Markets, Specialty Practices and Advisory, Guy Carpenter & Company

"Despite difficult market conditions and a slow insurance M&A cycle, GC Securities is consistent in its ability to achieve maximum value for clients. We are proud of the team's hard work and dedication and certainly, this well-deserved honor."

Bart Zanelli, Managing Director, GC Securities

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"As in previous years, we worked on a broad range of corporate finance and M&A transactions that drew on our unique ability to approach each client's goals and needs as an industry insider. To be recognized by the industry for our efforts is particularly gratifying."

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<u>GC Securities</u> is Guy Carpenter's investment banking arm. With offices in New York and London, GC Securities offers mergers and acquisitions advisory services, private debt and equity raising and capital markets-based risk transfer solutions. GC Securities' investment banking expertise, deep insurance knowledge and extensive industry contacts provide powerful, value-added services to Guy Carpenter clients and the broader (re)insurance industry.

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